

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented). The process of claim 12, wherein the separating of the mevinolin is carried out at a pH between about 2.2 and about 2.

Claims 5-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented). In a process for preparing mevinolin by fermentation of a culture medium, which includes dissolving mevinolin formed into the culture medium obtained by cultivation of at least one of an *Aspergillus terreus* and *Aspergillus obscurus* strain, and separating the strain from the culture medium to obtain a separated culture medium, separating the mevinolin from the separated culture medium, and recovering the mevinolin product, the improvement which consists essentially of carrying out the dissolving at a pH between about 8 and 9, and carrying out the separating of the mevinolin at a pH of between 4.5 and 2.

Claims 13-16 (canceled)